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Serial No.: 10/529,163
Filed: March 24, 2005
Group Art Unit: Unknown
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Applicant:	YOUSEF et al.	Examiner:	Unknown
Serial No.:	10/529,163	Group Art Unit:	Unknown
Filed:	March 24, 2005	Docket No.:	11757.0082USWO
Title:	METHODS FOR DETECTING ENDOCRINE CANCER		

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**COMMUNICATION REGARDING RESPONSE NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE
RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed on November 10, 2005 and the Notification of Defective Response mailed January 19, 2006. Applicants respectfully assert that the Notice was issued in error. The Notice required submission of a statement that the paper and machine readable copies of the sequence listing are identical. Such a statement was included on both the return receipt postcard and the transmittals accompanying the sequence listing (copies enclosed).

The Notice asserted that applicants had not filed a statement indicating that the paper and machine readable copies of the sequence listing are identical and provided a one month time for response. In fact, Applicants submitted with the application and sequence listing a statement that the paper and machine readable copies of the sequence listing are identical. The statement was included on both the return receipt postcard and the transmittals accompanying the sequence listing.

Enclosed for the Examiner's review are copies of the transmittal sheet, filed with the initial application on March 24, 2005, and the official stamped return postcard from the Office. A statement in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 - § 1.825 that the computer readable form and the paper copy form submitted are the same was included on our transmittal form and acknowledged by the Office on March 24, 2005.

It is further asserted that there is no need in the current application to present a statement of no new matter, as the sequences filed in the application were identical to those filed in the PCT application (International Application No. PCT/CA03/001478, filed September 26, 2003), so no new matter could be presented.

It is therefore respectfully requested that the Office withdraw the outstanding Notification of Defective Response. Please also acknowledge that the transmittal and postcard both have the appropriate statement on the documents.

If the Office Determines that the Notice Was Properly Issued:

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In addition, only if the Office should conclude they were correct in issuing the Notice, accept the following request for extension of time: In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 5-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Notification of Missing Requirements mailed November 10, 2005, said period of response being extended from January 10, 2006 to June 10, 2006.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Mark T. Skoog (Reg. No. 40,178), at (612) 371-5240.

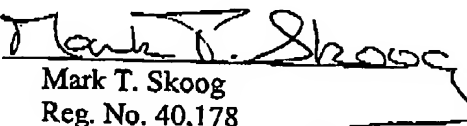
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CONFIRMATION NO. 6566
371 FORMALITIES LETTER
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DEFECTIVE Resp Sub: July 19, 2006

Date Mailed: 01/19/2006

NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495)

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Priority Document
- Copy of the International Application filed on 03/24/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 03/24/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 03/24/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 03/24/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 03/24/2005
- Biochemical Sequence Diskette filed on 03/24/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 12/19/2005
- Biochemical Sequence Listing filed on 03/24/2005
- Small Entity Statement filed on 03/24/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 03/24/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 03/24/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 03/24/2005
- Power of Attorney filed on 03/24/2005
- Specification filed on 03/24/2005
- Claims filed on 03/24/2005
- Abstracts filed on 03/24/2005
- Drawings filed on 03/24/2005
- Paper nucleotide sequence listings filed on 03/24/2005
- Paper Computer Listings filed on 03/24/2005

Applicant's response filed 12/19/2005 is hereby acknowledged. The following requirements set forth in the NOTIFICATION of MISSING REQUIREMENTS mailed 11/10/2005 have not been completed.

- This application does not contain a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or

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1.825(d). Applicant must provide such statement. If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000).

Applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of ONE MONTH from the date of this Notification or within the time remaining in the response set forth in the Notification of Missing Requirements, whichever is the longer. No extension of this time limit may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136, but the period for response set in the Notification of Missing Requirements may be extended under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is cautioned that correction of the above items may cause the specification and drawings page count to exceed 100 pages. If the specification and drawings exceed 100 pages, applicant will need to submit the required application size fee.

For questions regarding compliance to 37 CFR 1.821-1.825 requirements, please contact:

- For Rules Interpretation, call (571) 272-0951
- For Patentin Software Program Help, call Patent EBC at 1-866-217-9197 or directly at 703-305-3028 / 703-308-6845 between the hours of 6 a.m. and 12 midnight, Monday through Friday, EST.
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Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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FORM PCT/DO/EO/916 (371 Formalities Notice)

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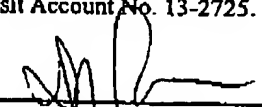
- ☒ Transmittal sheet, in duplicate, containing Certificate under 37 CFR 1.10.
- ☒ National Stage PCT Patent Application: Spec. 141 pgs; which includes 8 pages of tables, 31 pages of Sequence Listing and 36 claims.
- The fee has been calculated as shown below in the 'Claims as Filed' table.
- ☒ 26 sheets of formal drawings
- ☒ Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27
- ☒ An unsigned Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$625.00 to cover the Filing Fee
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 4 reference(s).
- ☒ Application Data Sheet, 3 pages.
- ☒ Computer readable form of a Sequence Listing. Applicants state that the paper copy form of the Sequence Listing section of the present application, and the computer readable form submitted herewith, are the same.
- ☒ Other: Form PTO-1390, Preliminary Amendment, International Publication Page, Form PCT/ISA/220, Form PCT/ISA/210, Form PCT/ISA/308
- ☒ Return postcard

CLAIMS AS FILED

Number of Claims Filed	No.	In Excess of	Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	20	20	0	25	= 0.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	100	= 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims Fee					= 0
Basic Filing Fee					= 150.00
Search Fee					= 250.00
Examination Fee					= 100.00
Utility Application Size Fee	141	100	41/50	125	= 125.00
Total					= 625.00

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